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The following is sent on behalf of Howard Leikert, Supervisor, School Nutrition Programs, Office of School Support Services.

Ah, the first of June. One of the signs of the beginning of summer. There is some news this week so here it is:

- 1) USDA Food Programs - Please refer to the link below to access the memorandum from Carol Wolenberg, Deputy Superintendent, Michigan Department of Education, regarding several policy changes will be implemented by the Michigan Department of Education (MDE) over the next few weeks that will have an impact on the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) Foods Program. These changes will address excessive inventory balances of USDA Foods at processors, Planned Assistance Level (PAL) reports, and the accounting of inventory on financial statements. This memo also contains a new carryover policy that will take effect July 1, 2013. It is imperative that the Food Service Directors and the Business Managers work together when developing School Year 2012-2013 budget for the school food service program to ensure that the inventory remaining at the processors at the end of June 30, 2012, is incorporated into the budget for the next school year.
http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Commodity_Policy_Change_3877817.pdf .
- 2) Outreach to Households on the Availability of Summer Food Service Program Meals - The Healthy, Hunger-Free Kids Act of 2010 (the Act), Public Law 111-296, establishes requirements for conducting outreach to households on the availability of Summer Food Service Program (SFSP) meals. The purpose of this memorandum is to provide guidance on the implementation of the provision that requires schools participating in the National School Lunch Program to conduct outreach on the availability of the SFSP before the end of the school year.
http://www.michigan.gov/documents/mde/Child_Nutr_Reauth_386735_7.pdf
- 3) 6 Cent Rule – We just received updated guidance on this topic. The School Nutrition Programs (SNP) staff will review this information. I would hope by next week's News, we will be able to provide additional information related to this important part of the Healthy Hunger Free Kids Act.
- 4) Community Eligibility Option (CEO) – Just a reminder, the CEO application is available for interested schools/districts. The deadline for applying is June 30, 2012 for the School Year 2012-2013. Here is the link to where you log in to complete the application -
<https://mdoe.state.mi.us/sfars/mind/mindlogin.aspx> .
- 5) We Want You – SNP will likely be hiring short term employees to help us certify menus under the 6 cent rule. If you think you might be interested in helping on

this project, continue to look for my Weekly News for further details. We anticipate these employees will work out of one of the office buildings here in Lansing.

More for you next week. Have a good weekend!

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